



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of
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Serial No.: 09/337,945

Group Art Unit: 1615

Examiner: Tran

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Title: NOVEL BURST-FREE SUSTAINED RELEASE
POLY(LACTIDE/GLYCOLIDE) MICROSPHERES

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STATEMENT

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Sir:

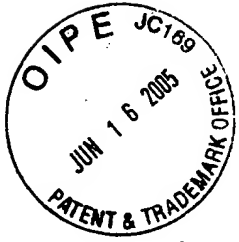
Applicants request that the RCE fee be refunded if possible.

Applicants sent in numerous status requests and also called the PTO many times over the past 5 and one half years for this application and were given the impression that the file was lost on two occasions. Therefore, Applicants did not file their voluminous IDS for fear that it would not be connected to the lost file at the PTO. Finally, Applicant was able to reach a supervisor that located and assigned the file to Examiner Tran. Examiner Tran called Applicant and indicated that the application was allowable but stated that the application had to be acted upon immediately because of its age. In haste, applicants approved the Examiner's amendment and received the Notice of Allowance on March 21, 2005.

Upon reviewing the file wrapper after receipt of the Notice of Allowance, Applicants noticed that they did not file the IDS that they had been holding. In order to have the IDS considered now, Applicants are filing this RCE.

Applicants respectfully request that the RCE fee be refunded if possible in light of the extreme difficulties and delays that Applicants have experienced because of the misplacement and mismanagement of this file at the PTO over the past years.

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